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Exxon Mobil Corporation Comments on
Agency Information Collection Activity on
Federal Register dated May 18, 2000
OMB CONTROL #1010-NEW FORMS
MMS-4054, MMS-4055, MMS-4056, AND
MMS-4058

Dear Ms. Croote:

Exxon Mobil Corporation (ExxonMobil) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Minerals Management Service (MMS) Agency Information Collection on Forms MMS--4054, MMS-4055, MMS-4056, AND MMS-4058, published at 65 FR, No. 97 (May 18, 2000). As a significant producer of federal and Indian oil and gas, ExxonMobil submits many of the subject forms each year. Accordingly, ExxonMobil has a substantial interest in the outcome of this information collection activity.

ExxonMobil incorporates by reference the comments of the Council of Petroleum Accounting Societies "COPAS" on the subject forms. We are particularly concerned that the estimated costs are inaccurate when considering the actual work to be accomplished. In some situations such as the addition of product codes to Form MMS-4054, the information is already available and not necessary for the agency to perform its duties.

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Remedies are available if the agency believes the additional duplicative information is necessary. For example, COPAS has suggested that the MMS consider using more disposition codes.

ExxonMobil appreciates the opportunity to comment on this information collection proposal. If you would like to discuss any of our comments or have any questions concerning our comments, please contact me at (713) 680-7832 or Fred Watson at (713) 680-6796.

Sincerely,

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